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firm to enter into the contemplated contract. It is submitted that the former is the correct view, since from the mere relation of partnership there arises a power in each partner to act for the firm in the course of its business. But see *GEORGE, PARTNERSHIP*, § 103; *BURDICK, PARTNERSHIP*, 3 ed., 231-234. See also J. A. Crane, "The Uniform Partnership Act — A Criticism," 28 *HARV. L. REV.* 762, 781; W. D. Lewis, "The Uniform Partnership Act — A Reply to Mr. Crane's Criticism," 29 *HARV. L. REV.* 291, 302. This power may, therefore, be revoked or restricted only by action of the firm. A dissent by a majority of the partners is an act of the entity. See *LINDLEY, PARTNERSHIP*, 8 ed., 255. See *UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT*, §§ 9(1), 18(h), 9(4); 1920 *ONT. STAT.*, c. 41, §§ 7, 25 (8), 10. But a dissent by one of two partners is not.

PRIZE LAW — CAPTOR'S DUTY TO USE DUE CARE — LIABILITY FOR FAILURE TO INSURE. — Certain goods were seized by the English authorities as prize. The goods were forwarded by rail to be examined, but were burned in transit, through causes unknown. The captors had failed to insure the goods. It having appeared that the goods were not lawful prize, the foreign owners seek to recover for the failure to insure. *Held*, that they cannot recover. *The New Sweden*, 126 L. T. R. 31 (P.).

It is well settled that the captor of goods seized as prize, like any other bailee, must use due care in handling such goods. *The William*, 6 C. Rob. 316. See 3 *PHILLMORE, INTERNATIONAL LAW*, 683. The question here is whether that duty of care involves a duty to insure. The precise point seems not to have arisen before. If the captor insures for his own benefit, since there is no obligation to turn the proceeds over to the owner of the goods it is clear that the owner need not reimburse the captor for the cost of such insurance. *The Cairnsmore*, [1921] 1 A. C. 439; *The Catherine and Anna*, 4 C. Rob. 39. But the English court has recently held that where the captor effects insurance for the benefit of the owner, he is entitled to reimbursement. *The United States*, [1920] P. 430. While it does not necessarily follow from the last case that the captor must insure, yet this would be a desirable extension of the decision. In the business world of today, the insurance of cargoes is regarded as an essential expenditure; and the effecting of insurance might well be held to constitute an indispensable element of due care on the part of the captor. See *LUSHINGTON, NAVAL PRIZE LAW*, § 83. It is to be hoped that the principal case will not be followed.

PROXIMATE CAUSE — FORESEEABILITY AS AN ELEMENT OF CAUSATION. — The plaintiff was a passenger on the defendant's train. Through the negligence of the defendant's servants the train struck an automobile, throwing it forward against a switch handle so as to open the switch. The train ran onto a side track where it collided with a cut of cars. The plaintiff was hurled from her seat by the impact, and injured. The lower court directed a verdict for the defendant on the ground that the negligence was not a proximate cause of the injury. The plaintiff's motion for a new trial was overruled, and the plaintiff appeals. *Held*, that the judgment be affirmed. *Engle v. Director General of Railroads*, 133 N. E. 138 (Ind.).

A result, however unforeseeable, produced by a force directly or by a series of forces each acting directly on the next in sequence, is proximately caused by the first force. *In re Polemis and Furness, Withy & Co.*, [1921] 3 K. B. 560; *Mathews v. Kansas City Railways*, 104 Kan. 92, 178 Pac. 252. It is arguable that the train's running onto the side track should be considered a continuation of the original force, and that the case should be treated as one of direct causation. But even if this view is rejected, the new alignment of the track was certainly a proximate result of the negligence. This result was a passive condition. If a passive condition risks another force acting upon it so as to directly produce injury, that injury is a proximate result of the force which